DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE WITH DIWAN BY NON-OFFICIAL BODIES

433. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there are any objections to non-official bodies such as Panchayats, Co-operative Societies, Irrigation Boards, Board of Honorary Visitors to Hospitals, etc., which are not directly under the Government, addressing direct to the Diwan or the Hon'ble Minister as the case may be about official matters without the knowledge of the Departmental Head ;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any of these bodies have addressed other than through the Departmental Heads about official matters ;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is also in the affirmative, the names of such bodies ;

(*d*) the reasons for such direct correspondence in each instance ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes. As a general rule, such non-official bodies should correspond with the Government, only through the Departmental Heads concerned.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) It is not easily possible to trace the names of such bodies, as no separate records are available.

(*d*) Perhaps due to the extreme urgency of the matter and in some cases to ignorance of the procedure to be adopted.

STAFF SELECTION BOARD—APPOINTMENT OF KUDUMBI CHETTIES

434. Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have noted that since the constitution of the Staff Selection Board only one member belonging to the community of Kudumbi Chetties has been appointed by the Board ;

(*b*) if the statement made in (*a*) above is incorrect, what the number of appointments is, which the Board has made from the said community ;

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(*c*) in any event whether they would, considering the backward state of the said community, give better encouragement to the educated unemployed among them?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) and (*b*) 4 persons have been appointed and 5 appointments made.

(*c*) All possible encouragement is being given.

435. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of applications received from Kudumbi Chetties (Moopans) by the Staff Selection Board ever since its constitution;

(*b*) the number of persons from the community recommended for appointment by the Board, with the period of their appointments?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 6.

(*b*) 4. Out of this one was permanently appointed as Teacher. Another did not accept the appointment. The third was appointed for one month and 6 days and the fourth for about four months.

COMMERCIAL EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED BY GOVERNMENT

436. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what all examinations in Commerce are being conducted by the Cochin Government;

(*b*) whether they (the Government) have received any representation requesting to conduct the London Chamber of Commerce Examinations;

(*c*) if so, what is their objection to conduct the same?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Government of Cochin are not conducting any examination in Commerce except in the Optional Commercial subjects in High Schools. There are two Centres in the State for the Madras Government Examinations in Commerce and the examinations at

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